

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 1997-239-C - ORDER NO. 2004-530
OCTOBER 26, 2004

IN RE: Proceeding to Establish Guidelines for an Intrastate Universal Service Fund.) ORDER GRANTING) REQUEST FOR 30-DAY) EXTENSION FOR) WITHDRAWALS FROM) STATE UNIVERSAL) SERVICE FUND
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the “Commission”) by way of a Request from Bluffton Telephone Company, Hargray Telephone Company, Home Telephone Company, Horry Telephone Cooperative, PBT Telecom, and ALLTEL (herein “Petitioners” or “Companies”) to extend for a period of thirty (30) days, from October 1, 2004 to November 1, 2004, the effective date for increased withdrawals from the State Universal Service Fund in accordance with Commission Order No. 2004-452.

The Petitioners moved for the extension of time on October 1, 2004, on the basis that Order No. 2004-452 had not yet been issued to them by the Commission, thus making implementation of the tariff reductions approved by the Order by October 1, 2004, impossible. On the basis of this fact and that the Petitioners will need sufficient time in which to implement the directives of Order No. 2004-452, the Commission finds that the requested extension of time is warranted and necessary.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Petitioners request for a thirty (30) day extension of time for implementation of Order No. 2004-452 from October 1, 2004 to November 1, 2004 is GRANTED.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

/s/
Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/
G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice Chairman

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